

In the Claims

1) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame comprising

- a frontal piece;

~~Which is distinguished by the fact that it contains a first and second hinge, made up of a first body, rotationally linked to a semi-shell shaped earpiece and rotationally interactive, in contrast with an elastically adaptable element, with a second hollow body linked to a frontal piece and/or at least one lens, said first and second earpieces can close to form a shell to temporarily hold said frontal piece and/or at least one lens.~~

- two earpieces rotationally linked to the frontal piece by means of a first and second hinge respectively, said first and second hinges being adapted to let the corresponding earpiece rotate with respect to the frontal piece so as to move from a first position, where the earpieces are orthogonal to the frontal piece, to a second position where the earpieces are about parallel to the frontal piece and are positioned on the upper and lower side thereof, wherein the earpieces are semi-shell shaped such that in the second position they can form a shell to temporarily hold said frontal piece.

2) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass ~~from as per~~ frame according to Claim 1 which is distinguished by the fact that said first and second hinge are the same and each made up of a first body comprising a first joining leg, substantially cylindrical in shape from which, near its first flat end a block point radially protrudes, preferably cylindrical, wherein the earpieces are semi-shell shaped such that in the second position they match longitudinally to create the shell.

3) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 and 2 which is distinguished by the fact that at the second end of said first leg is a second block presented in a side view in "T" configuration to define a cylindrical heat with a greater diameter than said leg from which a first~~

axial fin protrudes with a parallelepiped surface according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said first and second hinges are each made up of a first body rotationally linked to the earpiece and rotationally movable within a second hollow body linked to the frontal piece.

4) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through 3 that is distinguished by the fact that said first fin is preferably positioning in diameter to said first leg of said first body, parallel to the axis of said first block and has a first loop hole, crosswise on it and therefore orthogonal to a surface defined by the longitudinal axis of said first leg and the axis of said first block~~

according to Claim 3, wherein an elastically adaptable element, preferably made up of a cylindrical compression rotor spring, is housed inside a first cavity of the second body, secured thereto and mounted in contact with the first body to keep it in a selected position of said first or second positions.

5) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through 4 according to Claim 3, that is distinguished by the fact that the free end of said first fin frontally defines a first flat block surface, crosswise to said first leg and joined by a curved segment to a second block surface, made up of the lateral wall of said first fin facing from the side from which said first block protrudes, preferably about orthogonal to said first block surface.~~

wherein said first body comprises a first joining leg, substantially cylindrical in shape from which, near its first flat end, a first block point, preferably cylindrical, radially protrudes, said first joining leg being housed into a cavity which coaxially opens at a first end of a second cylindrical shaped leg in said second hollow body.

6) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through according to Claim 5, that is distinguished by the fact that each of said first and second hinges are made up of a second,~~

~~hollow body equipped with a second, cylindrical shaped leg, inside of which is a first cavity, open at a first end of said second body and coaxial to it wherein the lateral surface of said first cavity has a first circumferential guide composed of a straight and looping groove that extends for an arch of specific range to define, at its opposite ends, a first and second housing.~~

7) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 6, ~~that is distinguished by the fact that on the lateral surface of said first cavity is a first circumferential guide composed of a straight and looping groove that extends for an arch of specific range, for example equal to about 90°, to define, at its opposite ends, a first and second housing wherein said first and second housings are positioned rotated about 90° according to the longitudinal axis of said first cavity.~~

8) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 7, ~~that is distinguished by the fact that said first and second housing, preferably positioned rotated about 90° respectively according to the longitudinal axis of said first cavity, comprise a protruding curved segment, facing said first end of said second body from the straight segment that joins them wherein the width of said groove, at a central straight segment of its joining said first and second housings, is slightly greater than the diameter of said first block to permit the sliding of the latter therein, such that when said first body is rotationally joined to said second body it is able to rotate about the longitudinal axis of the first cavity, so as to selectively pass from a first position, where the first block point is housed inside the first housing, to a second position, where the first block point is housed inside the second housing, said first and second housings being counter-shaped to said first block to permit the selective housing inside these latter.~~

9) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 8, ~~that is distinguished by the fact that beneficially the width of said groove, at its said central, straight~~

segment, is slightly greater than the diameter of said first block to permit sliding wherein at the second end of said first joining leg there is provided a second block point having a "T" configuration and defining a cylindrical head which has a greater diameter than said first joining leg and from which a first axial fin protrudes.

10) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 9 that is distinguished by the fact that ~~said curved segment of said profile of said first and second housings is counter shaped to said first block to permit the selective housing inside these latter,~~ wherein said first axial fin is positioned at a diameter of said first leg and has a first loop hole, crosswise on it and orthogonal to a surface defined by the longitudinal axis of said first leg and the axis of said first block point.

11) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 10, that is distinguished by the fact that ~~from said second body protrudes, according to a cord, a second fin, protruding from a second, flat end of said second leg and has a circle arch sectional shape that develops along a generatrix~~ wherein the free end of said first fin frontally defines a first flat block surface, crosswise to said first leg and joined by a curved segment to a second block surface, made up of the lateral wall of said first fin facing from the side from which said first block protrudes.

12) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through 11~~ according to Claim 10, that is distinguished by the fact that ~~said second fin has a first flat side that faces the longitudinal axis of said second leg and is preferably parallel to said first housing~~ wherein a second fin according to a cord protrudes from a second flat end of said second leg and has a circle arch sectional shape that develops along a generatrix.

13) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 12, that is distinguished by the fact that a bearing, preferably cylindrical shaped, axial to which a second hole is made, preferably threaded, protrudes orthogonal from said first face, facing about in the same direct of said first housing wherein said second fin has a first flat side that faces the longitudinal axis of said second leg.

14) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 13, that is distinguished by the fact that said first and second hinges comprise an elastically adaptable element, preferably made up of a cylindrical compression rotor spring that can be housed inside said first cavity of said second body and secured, at one of its first ends, on bottom of the latter wherein a bearing, preferably cylindrical shaped, axial to which a second hole is made, preferably threaded, protrudes orthogonal from said first flat side, facing in the same direction of said first housing.

15) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through 13~~ according to Claim 14, that is distinguished by the fact that said first cylindrical leg of said first body can be inserted inside said first cavity, said first block being housed inside said first guide made up of said groove, while said first end of said first leg comes into contact with a second end of said elastically adaptable element wherein said first housing of each of said hinges faces down from said frontal piece and is orthogonal to it.

16) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame as ~~per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 15, that is distinguished by the fact that said first body is rotationally joined to said second body, since it can rotate along the said longitudinal axis of the said first cavity, so as to selectively pass from a first position, also called the open position, where said first block point is housed inside said first

~~housing, to a second position, also called the folded position, where said first block point is housed inside the said second housing~~

wherein said first hinge has its second housing facing up with respect to the frontal piece, while said second hinge has its second housing facing down.

17) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through 16 according to Claim 1, that is distinguished by the fact that said first and second hinge are linked to said frontal piece respectively at a first lateral end and a second lateral end of the latter by said bearing wherein each of said earpieces has a front surface with an internal convex profile and rear surface with a concave internal profile, counter-shaped to said front surface so that said earpieces, if longitudinally overlapped, reciprocally match to create a housing for the frontal piece.~~

18) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through 17 according to Claim 9, that is distinguished by the fact that said first and second hinges can each restrain a different lens by a fastening screw in the thread made inside said second hole wherein said first and second earpieces have, at one of their front ends, a third housing, open and slightly thicker than the one on said first fin of said first body to permit reciprocal insertion.~~

19) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through according to claim 18, that is distinguished by the fact that said second flat end of said second leg of said second body acts as a block for a side wall of said lens to prevent any rotation of said first and second hinges around the bearing wherein said third housing is equipped with a pair of first pins that face each other and protrude from the lower and upper bases of said third housing towards the interior of the latter.~~

20) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through according to claim 19, that is distinguished by the fact that said first housing of each of said hinges faces down from said~~

~~frontal piece and is orthogonal to it wherein said first pins are preferably cylindrical and have a diameter slightly smaller than that of said first hole in said first fin, so that they can be inserted once that latter is housed inside said third housing, creating a rotating connection between said earpieces and said hinges.~~

21) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims 1 through~~ according to Claim 20, ~~that is distinguished by the fact that said first hinge, linked to said frontal piece at its said first end, has said second housing beneficially facing up, while said second hinge, linked to said frontal piece at its said second end, has said second housing beneficially facing down wherein said third housing is equipped with a bottom against which said first block surface can be selectively blocked, which is frontally defined on each first fin and said second block surface, orthogonal to it.~~

22) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims~~ according to Claim 1, through 21 ~~wherein that is distinguished by the fact that connected to said frontal piece, in its central area, is a removable elastic nose piece, is connected to said preferably made of rubber or other elastic material with a thickness greater than said frontal piece , in its central area, and has a thickness greater than the frontal piece, the width of said earpieces being wider than the thickness of said frontal piece and slightly thinner, at least in their central area, than the thickness of the nose piece.~~

23) (Currently Amended) Eyeglass frame ~~as per claims~~ according to Claim 1, through 22 ~~that is distinguished by the fact that the width of said earpieces is beneficially wider than the thickness of said frontal piece and slightly thinner, at least in their central area, than the thickness of said nose piece, while the length of said earpieces is equal or slightly longer than the distance between the opposite ends of said first and second hinges protruding wherein said first and~~

second hinges are mounted to protrude laterally from said frontal piece, and the length of said earpieces is equal or slightly longer than the distance between the opposite ends of said first and second hinges.

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